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It's Property Tax Time

Danny Gallant/Robin Senor

Most of us recently received a notice of our 2007 property tax values, and it's likely they went up. While rising property values are a boon if you decide to sell, they aren't so desirable while you're living in your house. So how do you keep your taxes low while you are living in your home? In this article, we'll consider how Travis County assesses value and assigns taxes, how to keep your taxes low, and how you can dispute (and potentially lower) your taxable value.

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First Ever Allandale Tyke and Bike Ride

Tom Linehan

Well, folks, it went on without a hitch—the first Allandale Tyke and Bike ride. Photos have been posted from Saturday's event that was held on Northland starting at the Glad Tidings church at 9:00 a.m. A total of 98 children from all over Allandale and neighboring areas showed up to pedal, skate, roll or be rolled to the finish at Amy's Ice Cream where they were served up free ice cream. It was a blast.

The event was the brainchild of ANA Executive Committee member Laura Slaughter as a way to raise funds for the Allandale Legal Fund while bringing neighbors and their children together for a fun gathering.

Prior to the start, long-time Allandale resident and representative of the Austin

Cycling Association, Mark Miller, provided helmet fittings for interested participants. He gave away about a dozen helmets in the process courtesy of the Austin Cycling Association. Before the kids lined up for the start, Mark gave a quick demonstration on the proper way to wear a helmet. He concluded by reminding the group helmets are to be worn by children and parents alike.

The half-mile course on Northland Drive was ideal for the event. The riders were flagged to start the ride by one of the volunteers dressed in the Amy's moo cow costume. While the group had a police escort, there were no cars on the street other than ones already



Tykes getting ready to begin the ride.

parked there. And the weather was perfect. Homeowners along the route were out in front of their house cheering the riders on. Everybody likes a parade. Some of the older kids quickly completed the course while the smaller rid-

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The next ANA General Session meets on September 26. The EC meets on June 27. Seeking active board members and volunteers.

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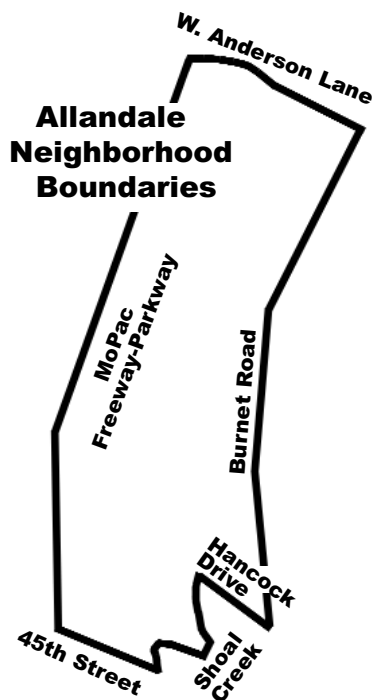
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ANA President's Letter

Tom Linehan

We're on a roll

Neighborhoods are the building blocks of cities. A couple of weeks ago I attended a day-long neighborhood workshop at ACC's east campus. It was a gathering of neighborhood and city representatives to exchange ideas and listen to experts. It's always good to compare notes and see what other neighborhoods are doing. The highlight of the event for me was one of the opening speakers from Seattle, Jim Diers. He spoke of some pretty remarkable projects neighborhoods in Seattle were able to accomplish.

Seattle actually has a Department of Neighborhoods where neighborhoods are given money and responsibility to come up with and execute their own plans. It's a bottom up approach. They have done some pretty incredible stuff from new parks to organic gardens to public art projects. It's really a remarkable story and one worth learning more about (neighborpower.com). It got me thinking, we're just getting started.

We're no Seattle. Many of the projects Jim showed off in Seattle were ones accomplished in some dilapidated

neighborhoods. Nevertheless, it did inspire me to think big when it comes to projects to enhance the neighborhood. It takes resources in terms of time and money and commitment to do big things but there is always more that comes out of such efforts than the completed project. It makes for a stronger neighborhood.

We've got some examples. In the past two months, there have been a few projects where people have gotten involved for our collective benefit. One is the work the VMU Committee has done under the leadership of co-chairs

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Kerry Kimbrough and Steven Zettner. The City is seeking input from neighborhoods about the Vertical Mixed Use ordinance and wanting comments back on what if any properties along Burnet and Anderson roads our neighborhood wants to exclude from the vertical mixed use overlay district. Our response is due by June 4th.

This is a complex subject. Kerry and Steven have led a well-orchestrated effort to educate and gather input from residents about the project. They've conducted coffees, town-hall meetings, prepared presentations, written articles, put together a strong reference section for the website, and conducted an online survey. By the time you receive this newsletter, they will have received final approval of the document from ANA's EC and submitted it to the City.

The quality of the information that they and the VMU committee have put together and the planning and implementation behind this initiative is exceptional. I'm not the only who thinks so. We received the following

comment in an e-mail from a member of the Heritage neighborhood association about the information the committee put together on our website regarding VMU: "your site is the best one I've seen so far on VMU, so quite a number of people both within and outside of Allandale may be relying on it to guide their decisions."

Thanks to Kerry, Steven and the other members of the VMU committee for their commitment to seeing this through. This is one of those rare times the neighborhood has had a chance to step back and consider the future layout of the neighborhood along the commercial corridors.

The second project I wanted to bring up in the context of showing off what Allandale is capable of is the Tyke and Bike Ride, an idea EC member Laura Slaughter came up with to raise funds for the ANA Legal Fund. Laura had no idea what kind of interest it would generate. It turns out there was a lot of interest. Ninety-eight children participated in the event.

You would think a project that entails getting kids to ride up the street to ice cream can't be all that hard to put together. But that's me. There was a lot of work that went into pulling it off. Laura along with fellow resident Marlene Meador distributed flyers to every elementary school in this part of town, got Amy's and Nelo's Pro Cycles to be sponsors, arranged for a police escort, arranged for helmet fittings for the tykes, and coordinated with Church of Glad Tidings to be the start location. They thought of everything. It was a lot of work but a lot of fun for both children and parents.

These are two examples of Allandale residents putting together a plan and working it through to completion. It is proof that our neighborhood has the where-with-all to carry out big projects. Thanks to Kerry, Steven, Laura, Marlene and everyone that helped out with these efforts. What's the next big project? ❖

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Allandale Executive Committee Meeting: March 23, 2007 Minutes

Katie Hansen

Executive Committee members in attendance: Joe Reynolds, Tom Linehan, Laura Slaughter, Paulette Kern, Allan McMurtry, Michael Bomba, Katie Hansen, Dan Jones, Brent Sjolseth, Cathy Yang.

Meeting minutes were read and approved for May 9, 2007.

Treasurer report: Joe Reynolds

Legal Fund	\$16,699.34
Regular	\$5,948.01
Savings	\$9,575.98
Total	\$32,193.30

The amount of donations raised for Legal Fund is \$18,852.58. Have expended \$22,062.20 on lawyer fees and traffic engineer. The current treasurer still has not received the records from the previous treasurer.

Report on D & O insurance:

Cathy Yang

Joe Reynolds has expedited an application form for a new quote for D & O insurance. The anticipated cost for this

insurance will be approximately \$1,500/year for \$1 million coverage. Allan McMurtry suggests that we should consider a policy that protects not only Executive committee members, but also volunteers and committee members. A quote for D&O could be available as early as Friday.

Fundraising Committee:

Laura Slaughter and Joe Reynolds

The Tyke and Bike event had 98 children registered. The event grossed 2,035 dollars. Net profit is around \$800. Laura has received lots of very positive feedback about this event. The kids really enjoyed the event. The next event is a planned appeal to our neighbors for more financial support for the Northcross issue.

Marlene Meador has a friend from New Braunfels who is willing to work with the ANA on some mass mails outside our neighborhood based on demographic data. These mailings will target locations around town that have been

impacted by huge retail developments within neighborhoods.

Membership Committee: Dan Jones

The number of members stands at just under 400 households. The database appears to have several inaccuracies in it, such as members who have duplicate memberships. We will not worry about correcting these inaccuracies, but try to fix things as we go along. Only have 1/4 to 1/3 of the e-mail addresses for these members available. We need to increase our membership.

Northcross Committee:

Allan McMurtry

We have several strategies that we are working on.

- 1) Appeal to the board of adjustments if site plan is approved.
- 2) We have requested a meeting with the City Traffic people. This will take place next week.
- 3) The ANA has been collaborating with RG4N.



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4) Evaluating our options on filing a lawsuit against the City of Austin.

Lincoln Properties filed an amendment to the TIA on Friday. Although Wal-Mart has reduced the size of the store slightly, Allan heard that it will not decrease the number of SKUs sold. This is unconfirmed. The decrease in size is predicted to come out of common areas and a decrease in the width of the isle.

Newsletter: Cathy Yang

The next edition of the newsletter is near completion and will be ready for distribution the second week in June. Worley has increased printing costs. Right now, the newsletter is approximately \$700 in profit per issue if we could calculate it by looking at ad space and our costs. We can't do this yet because we are still honoring commitments for ad space from last year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. ❖

Volunteer— The Allandale Neighborhood Association Needs You!

Committee Updates:

Beautification Committee

Linnea Anderson

The Beautification Committee has been busy with several projects and cleanup activities. Some examples include trash pickup and making calls to the appropriate city department for action, such as removing dead trees in medians and downed street signs. Our larger projects involve groups of people cleaning up an area, for example Shoal Creek Greenbelt, or landscaping a green space. If you are aware of a public area within our neighborhood that could benefit from our activity please contact us. Note: We don't take on personal property cleanup projects.

It's My Park! Day

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with this special community event.

It's My Park! Day is an annual community service day focused on improving Austin's park system. Two locations were hosted in Allandale: Shoal Creek Greenbelt and along Great Northern Hike and Bike Trail. Major accomplishments were cleaning the creek

along the Shoal Creek Greenbelt (a sofa cushion was the largest item collected), and trimming branches along Great Northern to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

In just a few hours, our intrepid crew was able to make a difference in two locations: 25 bags of trash, 17 volunteers, 5 piles of trimmings.

Far West Dam in Great Northern Park

We have learned that the Far West Dam has been a nesting place for special birds including the yellow-crowned heron and green heron. Residents need to know:

- The watershed department has amended the maintenance schedule for minimal impact on the bird nesting habits and behavior.
- According to city staff, a parasite found in the retention pond is relatively common to watershed management wet ponds. There is no "cure" for this parasite and dogs should not be playing in the water.
- Picking up after your pet is essential. Not only is it neighborly, it is the law... and most importantly it will help address the problem. However, there will always be other critters

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contaminating the area: raccoons, coyotes, cats, etc.

Volunteer Cleanup Opportunity

Please join your neighbors on July 21st for brush cleanup in the Shoal Creek Greenbelt.

Volunteers will be removing invasive non-native plants, trimming branches and shrubs. Invasive species are plants whose introduction are likely to cause economic harm, environmental harm, or harm to human health. In some cases these are plants that are native to

one part of the country but are serious pests in another part of the country.

Invasive species threaten native plants, animals and ecosystems. Discouraging the spread of these plants helps encourage healthy and attractive green spaces.

Share your "Wow!" with us!

Do you know a neighbor or business with that perfect landscaping plant or beautiful tree that delights the eye? Nominate them for recognition!

Allandale's WOW of the Month Program celebrates residents' efforts to care for their property, and ultimately, the ambiance of Allandale itself.

Another goal is to promote socializing between neighbors and the volunteer judges who nominate yards.

"Best of Allandale"

Identify and provide encouragement to busi-

nesses that maintain/improve the exterior of their buildings and green space. In particular, identify business with a decorative and artfully designed exterior. Nominated projects should:

- Be visible by the general public from streets, sidewalks or public access points
- Reinforce a positive pedestrian experience
- Promote diverse use of native plants and materials
- Match/integrate with surrounding neighborhood
- Identify businesses that have made an effort to improve their exterior

Beautification Calendar - 2007

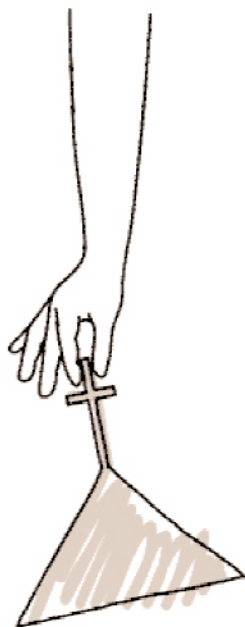
- July 21—Shoal Creek invasive species and limb clean-up
- August 27—Neighborhood Forestry Planning meeting
- September 22—Tree Trimming educational seminar
- October 22—Work day in NW Park
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Bylaws Committee

Allan McMurtry

The bylaws are taking a back seat to fundraising, the Northcross redevelopment, Wal-Mart supercenter, fundraising events like the picnic and Tyke and Bike Ride, and other pressing issues right now.

However, as part of the effort to modernize the bylaws, a new section was added that provides for rules governing communications. These rules would affect the Allandale Reporter website, the Allandale newsletter, use of electronic addresses and membership information, and the Yahoo! TM Allandale Newsgroup (Listserv).

Other rules for communications are currently being written and reviewed by the Executive Committee. Please see the Communication Update for more specific information.

These rules await final approval at the next General Meeting in September.

Communications Committee

C Yang

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The first step in this process establishes rules addressing the use of email addresses. The logical pattern would be to then promulgate rules regarding the Newsgroup and other electronic means of communication. These new rules should give ANA members assurance regarding how such information, such as permanent physical and electronic addresses, would be used.

Membership Committee

Joe Reynolds

A membership committee was formed in May under the treasurer's function. The key role of the membership committee will be to expand ANA's membership from its current base of only about 400 members.

The membership committee is made up of: Joe Reynolds, Dan Jones, and Tom Linehan.

The membership committee will also oversee nomination of associate memberships. The associate membership category was created for individuals or families that do not live within the Allandale neighborhood boundaries and Allandale businesses. Voting rights are not conveyed to associate members. As per the bylaws, associate members must be approved by the Executive Committee.

We'd like to welcome the following new Associate members: Imron Goldstein, Joe and Louise Wiley, Arbor Auto Works, Joyce Hogan, Greg Dickenson, Christie Walters, and Bill Penn.

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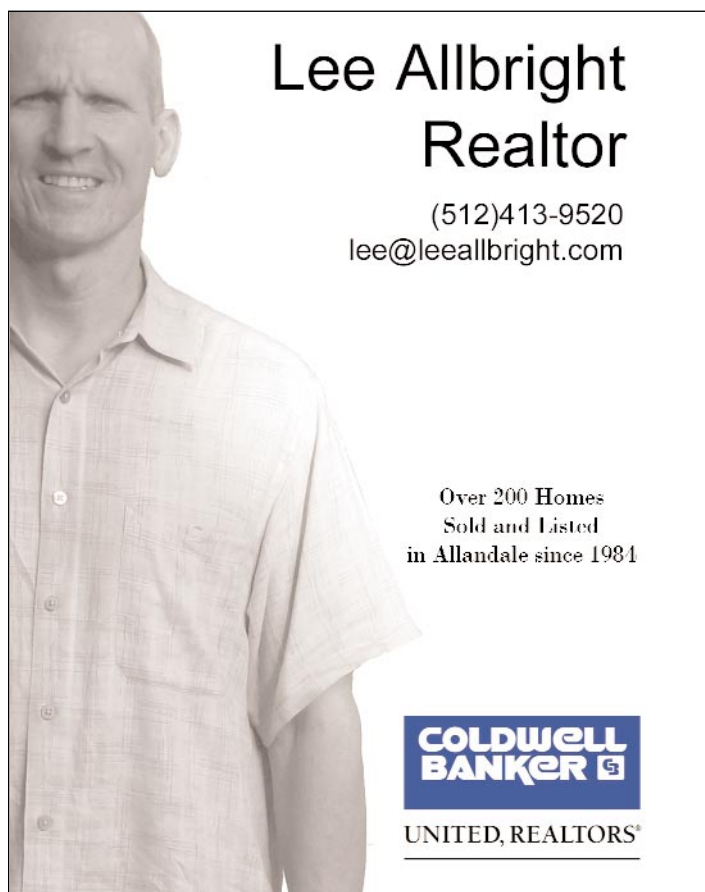
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Committee Updates

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The Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming membership drive to recruit new members. We have recently compiled a complete list of current members and are working on membership database guidelines to present to the Executive Committee.

Northcross Committee

Allan McMurtry

Any political solution for Northcross remains elusive, if not unattainable. The position from March remains the same. Council members say they will not vote on the site plan because the city legal staff has warned them they would be sued individually. The state law on this is clear: Any City Council is the final arbiter of the interpretation of its ordinances, not the city staff of the city legal department.

Please read the insert being circulated with the newsletter, which will give you a

more in-depth update on this situation.

Planning Committee: Do we want Vertical Mixed Use? Yes, but...

Kerry Kimbrough

The City of Austin is asking ANA for our recommendations on VMU. What are we going to say? Since March, the ANA VMU Team has been working to help figure this out. During a series of 5 coffee meetings, neighbors learned the facts and voiced their concerns. Several neighbors pitched in to create a 1st draft of our recommendations. The draft team has gathered feedback on the draft from ANA Executive Committee members, from additional "town hall" meetings, and from an online survey. And here's what we've learned.

The survey presented the pros and cons of VMU and asked if you agree or disagree. Of the 166 of you who responded, 53% were positive about VMU (agreed more with the pros than with the cons), 35% were negative

(agreed more with the cons), and 12% were neutral (the pros equaled the cons). The top benefits of VMU you saw were easier access to services, a more attractive Burnet Road, a better growth pattern, and better public transit. The chief drawbacks you saw were more traffic on our streets, intrusion on privacy, and parking overflows into the neighborhood.

The survey asked you about the options considered in our draft recommendations for 6 different districts. In each district, the preferred approach was to accept VMU, but only subject to some conditions. For Anderson Lane District and 6400 Burnet District, over 66% would accept VMU with conditions and fewer than 13% wanted to reject VMU completely. But in the Greenlawn and Shoalmont Districts, you were more cautious—26%-30% would reject VMU there. Somewhere in the middle was the Allandale Village District—60% would accept VMU with conditions there but 18% would remove VMU from this site. In the North Loop

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District, 41% would accept VMU, but 31% would prefer to see a Traditional Neighborhood zone instead.

What conditions did you want to see? Generally, in the districts with higher acceptance, you most wanted to see requirements for more open green space, better walkability, better transit, and some percentage of owner-occupied units. In the other districts, you most wanted to forbid loudspeakers and rear balconies, require privacy walls, and opt out of parking reductions.

Stayed tuned for complete details on survey results and a summary of the final draft of our VMU recommendations.

Kerry Kimbrough is a co-chair on the ANA VMU Team.

Zoning Committee

Paulette Kern

Being aware of and proactively addressing changes in our neighborhood will help to protect and preserve the integrity of our SF-2 zoning (single family residential use only). One of our most recent challenges that I believe could become quite common in our area is re-subdivision. Re-subdivision or “resub” is when a property owner splits a property into two or more lots and builds a corresponding

number of homes or when two lots are combined into one. This is not a change in zoning but is in violation of deed restrictions in some areas.

NOTE: One known area where re-subdivision requires 66% approval of lot owners is the area bounded by:

- Northland on the North
- Burnet Road on the East
- Woodview on the West
- Lawnmont on the South

This means NOBODY in this area, called Shoalmont Addition Resub, can re-subdivide without this written approval. If you live in that area, be aware of your rights and responsibilities

Zoning also requires a set minimum lot size, 5750sq ft for SF-2, and a certain frontage length, 50’. There is a provision for “Flagging” that allows a reduced width, but then other issues come into play. At this time, there are properties for sale being advertised as being able to build two homes on them without consideration of deed restrictions.

Because there are many subdivisions in Allandale,

there are many sets of deed restrictions. The zoning committee will be working to obtain copies of all the subdivisions and their deed restrictions to post on the Allandale Reporter website. We will also post the SF-2 guidelines.

As by law, government does not enforce deed restrictions. It is up to the neighbors surrounding a property to check their deed restrictions and notify the owner of the violation. Your deed restrictions are a valuable tool in preserving the quality of the Allandale neighborhood. Don’t be afraid to seek assistance and collaboration with your neighbors and/or attorney to preserve your rights and neighborhood integrity under your deed restrictions. ❖

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Addition of Managed Lanes and Noise Barriers Recommended by MoPac 1 Project Team

John P. Kelly

TxDOT and the MoPac 1 project team met with nearly 200 interested citizens at two open houses in April to discuss a recommendation for improving mobility on Loop 1 from FM 734 (Parmer Lane) to the Cesar Chavez Street interchange. As proposed, the recommended alternative involves adding one managed lane in each direction, improving traffic flow across the Town Lake bridges by adding one more thru-lane each way, and adding approximately seven miles of noise barriers in residential areas throughout the central corridor.

Over the past several years, Loop 1 commuters, MoPac corridor residents, Austin-area elected officials, and other stakeholders have articulated several goals for future MoPac improvements, including:

- “Don’t go up—don’t go out”
- Reduce noise and cut-thru traffic in adjacent neighborhoods
- Encourage mass transit and HOV use

- Don’t reduce the number of general purpose lanes

Using these as parameters, TxDOT and the MoPac 1 project team developed a range of options on how to improve travel conditions along the highway. The alternatives were developed following dozens of meetings with a diverse cross-section of the Austin community, and then rigorously evaluated to identify a recommendation that would:

- comply with the CAMPO Mobility 2030 Plan
- retain all existing general purpose and auxiliary lanes
- eliminate the need to acquire additional right-of-way
- encourage bus and vanpool use
- accommodate ASA Rail District plans for commuter train service
- provide noise barriers and address other neighborhood concerns
- give commuters the choice of using a lane free of traffic congestion

Importantly, while all existing general purpose lanes would remain available to all travelers for use without charge, the addition of one new

managed lane in each direction would offer drivers the choice of using a lane designed to keep traffic flowing steadily. Buses and registered van pools would use the managed lanes for free at all times, and private vehicles would pay a variable fee based on real-time traffic congestion.

Again, I want to stress that the recommended alternative would provide a new option for all of us when we need a reliably quick route into and out of central Austin. The recommendation includes improvements that would uncork the bottleneck that currently exists at the Town Lake bridges, and it will help extend the life of a critical part of the Austin area's transportation network. More detailed information about the recommended alternative is available at www.MoPac1.org.

Questions about the Recommendation

Nearly everyone I spoke to at the open houses recognized that Loop 1 was not designed for the amount of traffic it carries today, and that improvements are needed. The conversations we had and the comments we

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Tyke and Bike

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It's a fit!

ers and the parents on foot brought up the rear.

The event took better than a month to plan and organize. Many people helped out with the ride today but much of the planning, organization, promotion and prep work was carried out by Laura Slaughter and Marlene Meador. They did a great job!



And they're off!

Many thanks to Amy's Ice Cream and Nelo's Pro Cycles for sponsoring the event. Jeremiah Alvarez, co-owner of Nelo's Pro Cycles located at Anderson and Shoal Creek, was there with his wife and two children who participated in the event. Nelo's donated water bottle cages and bike lights to participants. Parents were also able to drop off their registration at both Nelo's and Amy's.



Just in time for Amy's Ice Cream!

A neighborhood event that brings together neighbors, children, bikes, and ice cream. Can't beat that! The first ever Allandale Tyke and Bike Ride was a success! Take a look at the photo gallery. Many thanks to Victor Engel for contributing many of the photos which can be seen in the Allandale Reporter's Photo Gallery at http://allandale.typepad.com/photos/2007_tyke_and_bike. ❖

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Property Tax Time

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How Travis County assesses value and assigns taxes

To assess each home's value, Travis County relies on recent sales values for nearby homes, and for that information, the county relies on residents. New property owners receive information request cards asking for the selling price of their homes. Approximately 20 percent of these cards are mailed back to the county.

Based on this information, the county assigns precise values to neighboring properties—sometimes driving by homes, sometimes not. Tax rates are then applied based on specific assessments applicable to that home.

Commonly, these assessments are limited to standard city and county taxes, but depending on neighborhood variations, there may also be one-time special assessment taxes for new public works, or ongoing taxes for Municipal Utility Districts. A rate chart for Travis County in 2006 is available online at http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tax_assessor/rates/current_rates.asp, or by calling 854-9473.

How you can keep your taxes down

You can keep your taxes low by making sure you file any exemptions for which you are eligible; the homestead exemption that identifies your residence as your home is the most common. Other common exemptions include over-65 exemption for seniors and the veteran's exemption. Exemption filings are due by May 1 each year, and they only need to be filed once on each property for each individual. Forms are

available at <http://www.traviscad.org/formlist.htm>.

How you can dispute your appraised value

You can dispute your appraised value for reasons that commonly lower property value: proximity to traffic, noise pollution, light pollution, construction, or simply because you don't see that your surrounding neighborhood sales support the value that you've been assessed. You must dispute your appraised value by May 31, or no later than 30 days after when your appraisal was mailed to you, whichever comes later. To dispute your value, mail a dispute letter stating reasons for your dispute to: Travis County Appraisal District Office, 8314 Cross Park Drive, Austin, TX, 78754.

[Editor's note: John Keohane posted the following article on the Allandale Newsgroup and gave us permission to print it in our newsletter.]

Property Taxes and Travis County

John Keohane

The following three items affect property taxes in Travis County

- 1) assessed valuation,
- 2) taxing rate, and
- 3) interaction with our elected officials, who set the rate.

Assessed valuation

This is used to reflect the real value, at least in this part of Allandale that has been going up. Could the chief appraisal official for Travis cut us all a deal? No, if he/she does, there is a penalty to Travis for undervaluing. There was a presenta-

tion about this recently at the Austin Neighborhoods Council, where Cynthia Keohane (ANA's representative) heard about this.

Taxing rate

This is set by the taxing authority, within certain limits, given by the legislature and the Texas Constitution. There are strong limits on how much this can go up in any year.

Assessed valuation X taxing rate = the taxes you or I pay. With assessed valuation going up a lot, taxing rate can stay the same, and we can still pay lots more in taxes.

Interaction with elected officials

This refers to how the money from property taxes is used. By far, the largest chunk of our taxes goes to the Austin ISD (K-12 education). You will, I think, find that the fastest growing taxing authority might be Travis County. The county has a county judge, elected county-wide and four county commissioners. Sarah Eckhardt, whom I met after the primary last year at the Travis County Democratic convention, was elected last November. As neighborhood service, she has Wednesday morning "coffee jolts" each month.

I've been to two or three of them and they are great opportunities to interact and find what the county is doing with our money. They attract about a dozen people, so there is really a chance to ask questions (you will pop for your own coffee). ❖

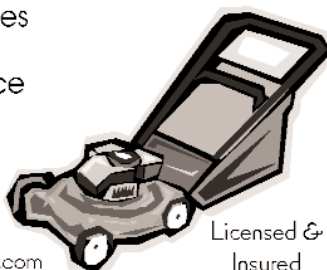
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Allandale Honors Its Most Senior Mom

Laura Slaughter

Freytag's Florist donated a beautiful Mother's Day floral bouquet to our most senior Allandale mom, Frankie Landry, who turned 101 on March 15, 2007.

Frankie took on the responsibility of raising her nephew, James, when his father died and his mother had to go off to a school to learn a vocation. Her nephew continued to live with Frankie through his high school years, eventually becoming a veterinarian. Frankie feels that the responsibility of raising her nephew turned out to be a blessing to her in many ways.

Frankie arrived in Allandale in 1960 from Beaumont along with her mother; her two sisters already lived here. She said that houses were selling back then for under \$20,000 and fondly recalls getting hot buttered popcorn at the drive-in, which is now the Burnet Road Storage. She has seen many changes over the years, but she wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Frankie attributes her longevity to faith in the Lord, not smoking and not drinking in excess.

Frankie acknowledges that God gave her the wisdom to take care of her health. Frankie was

active in her church and is still a member of Hyde Park Baptist Church.

These days she is most fond of watching a variety of wildlife that gathers outside her large picture window. Frankie has created a natural habitat for birds and squirrels. She enjoys feeding them and watching their antics. She also loves to indulge in an occasional treat of ice cream or flan.

Frankie considers herself ordinary, but in reality she is quite an amazing person. She is astute and has a remarkable memory. Frankie still exudes a zest for life and doesn't take time with others for granted.

Happy Mother's Day, Frankie. You are truly an Allandale treasure. ❖



The Freytag family honors Frankie Landry with flowers

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Mosquitoes: Beat them to the Bite

Blair Dancy

What are you doing about mosquitoes in your yard? Ever think you could do more, without resorting to explosives and cyanide? You'd be right!

Many of our neighborhoods have the dreaded "Asian tiger" mosquito, breeding happily in small pools of stagnant water. I could bore with you nasty details about the Asian tiger—how it's only been in the U.S. since 1985 but has spread like wildfire east of the Rockies; how it's so aggressive that it displaces our lazier, indigenous mosquitoes; how it's spreading dengue fever in Latin America.

But instead, I'll tell you how to keep your mosquito population to a minimum through Integrated Pest Management ("IPM"). IPM means using "the best combination of tactics to suppress the mosquito population while affecting the environment as little as possible."

That's the government's version.

Rutgers describes IPM as "[a]n effective and environmentally sensitive approach used to manage mosquitoes, relying upon a combination of scientific knowledge and common sense."

Now you have one more impressive thing to say at parties. But before that shining moment, let's get to the details of what IPM means for us in Allandale:

Get rid of containers that hold standing water. "Easy!" you say. Not so fast. Scour your yard. Do you have pots under that deck? Is there an upside-down Frisbee in that ivy?

Fill or treat your tree holes that hold standing water. "Easy?" you ask. Well . . . maybe. You can distinguish tree holes that hold squirrels and birds from ones that hold water (and are therefore potential breeding sites) by water stains on the tree. You might consider filling your tree hole with sand and capping it with cement, but CHECK WITH YOUR ARBORIST FIRST to be sure you don't hurt the tree.

Fix or treat your rain barrels. You are virtually guaranteed to have mosquitoes in your rain barrels—the only questions are (1) will they reach adulthood and (2) will they escape. You can kill many of them in their pre-adult stage by adding mosquito dunks.

Clean your gutters and get rid of the oldest piles of leaves in your yard. The Asian tiger loves to lay eggs in rotting debris.

Eliminate mosquito "safe houses." During the day, the adults look for protection from the sun and wind. The best places? Bushes (iron plants and



Mosquito Trap by MosquitoSwallow.com

bamboo are favorites); ivy and tall grass; and under sheds, houses, and decks. You can treat bushes with organic sprays and granules, but keep in mind they may also ward off other insects. You can keep grass trimmed, though it is difficult to keep short grass alive during droughts. For sheds and decks, consider screen skirting (simply take screen and staple it to the underside, around the entire structure). House skirting should be repaired.

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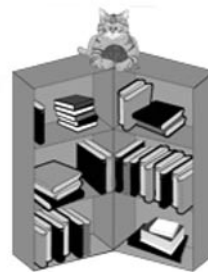
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Mosquitoes

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Find a trap right for your yard.

The Mosquito Swallow (www.MosquitoSwallow.com) imitates a breeding site and is consistent with IPM. If you have container breeders, it may keep them from laying eggs in viable breeding sites, trapping them instead in the Swallow. If you have mosquitoes that breed in fields, creeks, or other discrete singular areas, the

“greenhouse gas” traps can help if placed between the breeding spots and where people congregate.

Though not a trap, misting systems can help anywhere from a little to a lot, but be sure to research any potential chemical dangers to children, pets, and other animals. Using a misting system 24/7 risks creating a resistant strain of mosquito in your neighborhood—if you already have one, try using it just before you’re going out in the yard rather than constantly. There are many

other traps and products on the market, but be sure they address the type of mosquito in your yard before purchasing.

Whatever you do, do something! And consistent with IPM, use more than one approach.

[Editor’s Note: I bought three Mosquito Swallow traps and have already noticed a decrease in the mosquito population. Blair will be posting additional articles at www.allandalereporter.org in the weeks to come.] ❖

Hot Potato Queens of Allandale Give Thanks

Marlene Meador

On the fifth anniversary of the coronation of the Hot Potato Queens of Allandale this July 4, we wish to thank our Allandale neighbors for your continued support. Through your generous donations of toys, we have helped Blue Santa provide less fortunate children of Austin with Christmas gifts. The gesture of kindness on your part restores our faith in humanity and teaches our children compassion for others. What began as a joke to embarrass our teenaged daughters when they started high school has become a wonderful way of giving back to the community.

Special appreciation to the following: our wonderful sponsor Henna Chevrolet for providing the wonderful “Big Red Truck” for three years; to Sir Mark for driving in the inaugural parade; Sir “I’d Rather Not Be Named” for driving the last three years; Santa for coming off of vacation to ride along; Sir Bill for driving those gorgeous Tater Tots, the gentlemen who loaned us trailers; and Sir Elliot Naishtat for keeping this a class act. And to ANA, thank you for making this all possible by allowing us the opportunity to participate in the July 4th parade every year.

Please continue to support our wonderful neighborhood by attending the parade each year and join us in our Blue Santa toy donation. Bring a new toy to the Hot Potato Queen Float and receive a small token of our appreciation.

From the top of our tiaras to the tips of our red toenails, we thank you!

—Queen Patsy

A brief interview with the Queen:

Reporter: Your Highness, what exactly is a Hot Potato Queen?

Queen Patsy: We are a small group of women dedicated to our families, and the ideal that every woman deserves to be Queen at least one day a year (Mother’s Day doesn’t count because we have to share with our own Moms and you don’t get to wear a tiara.) It helps if you are willing to look foolish in public.

Reporter: Your Grace, how did your reign begin?

Queen Patsy: Please dear, just call me Patsy. Several of us walk at 5 am every weekday morning and at one of these meetings Queen Patsy “1” remarked that her daughter was embarrassed to have her mother coming into the Middle School to volunteer. Well, we saw this as a challenge to fulfill the princesses’ belief that all mothers live to embarrass their children. Queen Patsy “2” suggested we dress up and ride in the ANA July 4th parade. The perfect plan! We needed a name and thought about calling ourselves the “Sweet Potato Queens” but the name was already



Hot Potato Float, 2006

taken, and we did not want to pay for that membership because then you have to follow their rules. Queen Patsy “3”, always the voice of reason, said we were going to burn under in the July heat, and the “Hot Potato Queens” were crowned.

Reporter: Why do all the Queens have the same name?

Queen Patsy: To remind us that we all need to cut loose and get a little crazy every now and then. That is why we dress up in different themes each year for the parade. It is great fun to see people laugh with us. Allandale is a wonderful community and I would not want to live anywhere else. ❖

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Oak Wilt

Damon Waitt

A recent news story in the Austin American Statesman raises the question whether Allandale residents should be concerned about oak wilt in our neighborhood. Unlike Lakeway and other areas in the Texas Hill Country, the Allandale urban forest is not characterized by dense stands of live oak with interconnected root systems that facilitate the spread of the oak wilt fungus. That's the good news. However, oak wilt can also be transmitted by sap feeding beetles carrying spores from infected red oaks to improperly pruned or wounded live oaks. Following are some common question and answers about oak wilt if you are not familiar with this disease that is responsible for killing over a million oaks in central Texas.

What is oak wilt?

Oak wilt is an infectious disease caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, which invades and disables the water-conducting system of certain oak trees.

Where is oak wilt a problem?

Oak wilt has been found in over 60 counties and in almost every city in Central Texas. It can be a problem wherever live oaks tend to be the predominate tree. It does not matter whether they are transplanted or naturally grown.

Which oaks get oak wilt?

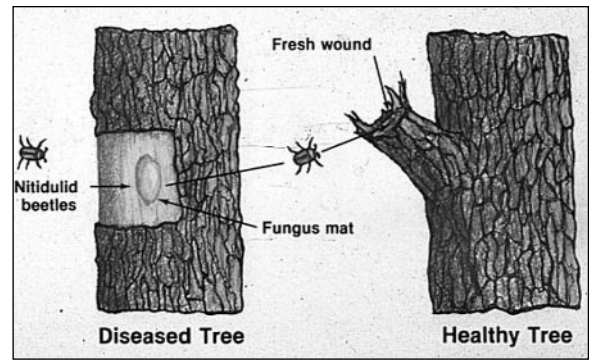
White oaks are the least susceptible. They generally survive for a number of years with the disease. Common White Oaks include Post, Bur, Chinkapin, and Monterrey oak.

Red oaks are the most susceptible. They typically die within 2-4 weeks of symptom appearance. Common red oaks are Spanish, Texas, Shumard, Pin, and Blackjack oak.

Live oaks die in the greatest numbers, most often in expanding areas called Oak Wilt Centers.

How can I tell if my trees have oak wilt?

Live Oak trees die within 6-12 months. Adjacent trees begin to drop



Insect Spread of the Oak Wilt Fungus.

their leaves and die a few months later. Live Oaks also show veinal necrosis where the area around the leaf vein turns brown but the rest of leaf is still green.

Red Oak symptoms are less distinct. Leaves turn pale green then brown usually remaining attached for a period of time. This can begin on one branch and quickly engulf the entire tree. Trees generally die within 4-6 weeks.

How does oak wilt spread?

Oak wilt is spread by two methods, root transmission and by sap-feeding (Nitidulid) beetles. The fungus spreads from tree to tree through connected roots, either by root grafts or through a

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Oak tree receiving an injection.

common root system. When oak wilt does infect a red oak species these trees under the right conditions can form what is called a fungal mat. The fungal mats form underneath the bark and produce millions of spores. Fungal mats have a very sweet smell like ripe fruit which attracts Nitidulid beetles. The beetles feed and breed on fungal mats and pick up spores of the oak wilt fungus on their bodies. If a contaminated beetle lands on a fresh wound on a healthy oak, that tree can become infected with oak wilt.

How can I prevent my trees from getting oak wilt?

New oak wilt centers are started when a contaminated beetle finds a fresh wound on a healthy oak tree. Insect populations in general increase during mild spring like weather and mild spring like weather is when fungal mats are most likely to form. So the most likely time a contaminated beetle will find your tree is when the weather is mild. The best time to prune is when a contaminated beetle is least likely to find your tree. The heat of summer and the cold of winter are when the beetle populations are the lowest and fungal mats are least likely to form. Therefore that is the best time to prune to prevent against an oak wilt infection.

The Texas Forest Service recommends that you always paint pruning cuts as soon as the cuts are made. When pruning cuts are made during the proper times of the year there still may be a few contaminated Nitidulid

beetles in the area. If the pruning cuts are painted with a pruning paint or latex paint this will prevent these sap feeding Nitidulid beetles from feeding and infecting your oak tree with the oak wilt fungus.

Adapted from Common Questions About Oak Wilt (Texas Forest Service). For more information about oak wilt, visit www.texas-oakwilt.org. Damon Waitt is an Allandale resident and Senior Botanist at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. ❖

WaterWise

Daniel Honker

Summer is here again, and conserving water this season is as important as ever. There are many simple things you can do at home to reduce water use and your water bill at the same time.

Outdoors

- Water during the coolest part of the day. Daytime watering causes a lot of water to evaporate. Avoid this by watering your grass in the morning or overnight.
- Water the grass, not the concrete! Some sprinkler heads might be watering the driveway or sidewalks, which wastes water and doesn't do any good for your lawn. Adjust sprinkler heads to water only the grass and your lawn will thank you.
- Reduce watering times. Watering for less time but more frequently actually makes your grass more drought-tolerant and prevents water runoff. Try shortening your watering durations and taking two passes at your lawn when you water.
- Install a rain barrel to recycle rain water. The

City sells 75-gallon models for \$60 and offers a \$30 rebate to purchase approved models at another retailer.

- Use a hose timer when watering with a hose-end sprinkler or soaker hose. Get one for free from the City of Austin! Call 974-2199 for details.
- Report water waste in Austin. Call 974-2199 when you observe water runoff, broken sprinkler heads, or daytime watering.

Indoors

- Toilet Replacement Rebates—Replace up to three old toilets with more water-efficient models and get anywhere from \$75 to \$150 back.
- WashWise Clothes Washer Rebates - The City offers rebates of up to \$100 on the purchase of high-efficiency clothes washers (\$200 rebates will be in effect until the end of September 2007).
- Replace your showerheads and faucet aerators with free low-flow models from the City. Call 974-2199 for details.
- Find those water leaks. A small leak or dripping faucet can lose a lot of water. Check every faucet and toilet for leaks.
- Use the dishwasher and washing machine wisely. Make good use of these appliances by filling them up before use.

Rebate amounts have increased! The City of Austin offers many programs to help lower your water bill while also using water more efficiently. Call 974-2199 or visit www.WaterWiseAustin.org for more information.

Daniel Honker is with the City of Austin WaterWise Program. ❖

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Business Profile: Knife Sharpest

Tom Linehan

If you ever need those kitchen knives sharpened and you live in Allandale you're in luck. The only knife sharpening and sales store in the city is just a few blocks away on Burnet Road, right across from Blue Star Cafeteria and next door to AA Lawnmower.

I wasn't planning on taking my kitchen knives for sharpening when I went in the shop to get my lawnmower blade sharpened. Kitchen knives or lawnmower blades, it doesn't make a difference to Knife Sharpest, they can do them all. They sharpen garden tools, paper cutters, pocket knives, chainsaws, saws—basically anything with a blade. And they do it with their own sharpening machine, one they designed and built themselves. If you want to do it yourself, they sell knife sharpening equipment as well.

I walked in and introduced myself to Thomas Stuckey, the owner of Knife Sharpest, on a recent Saturday afternoon. He started the business 19 years ago with his dad. It began when his father, suddenly unemployed, turned to Thomas, who was 11 at the time, and asked what kind of business he thought he could take an interest in and help him out with? That was easy for Thomas

who was a knife collector. He said let's sell knives. And with \$1,000 they set up at flea markets and out of their home doing just that, selling and sharpening knives.

Four years later, they had enough business to open up the shop on Burnet Road, where they've been ever since. Thomas's father sold his interest in the business to Thomas a few years ago and moved to Tennessee where he's opened up a similar shop. Thomas is now the sole owner of Knife Sharpest.

Part of my curiosity in Knife Sharpest is how it has been able to stay in operation for so long just selling and sharpening knives? Turns out there are a lot of dull knives in this town and not much competition in the sharpening business.

There are a total of four people employed at Knife Sharpest. Even though the Internet has cut into knife sales (pardon the pun), his sharpening




Knife Sharpest owner Thomas Stuckey

business, which represents about 70 percent of the business, is doing quite well. A good portion of that is sharpening knives for restaurants. Thomas has a mobile service going from restaurant to restaurant sharpening knives. He tells me there are about 3,000 restaurants in this city and Knife Sharpest sharpens knives for about 150 of them.


When it comes to sales, Knife Sharpest has a broad range of knives including: pocket knives, hunting knives, throwing knives, custom knives, tactical knives, switchblades (they're illegal to carry but not to own), and kitchen knives. On the wall he has a rack of samurai swords. His most expensive knife is a small custom knife—a William Henry stainless steel damascus knife with 24 carat gold screws that costs \$900. His best-selling kitchen knives are Messermeister, Wusthof, and Henckels—all made in Germany. Thanksgiving is his busiest times of the year when it comes to knife sharpening, for knife sales its Christmas and Father's Day.

Thomas, who has lived in nearby Crestview all his life, has no plans of leaving his location on Burnet Road. It has served him well over the years. Turns out I was unable to get the blade off my lawnmower so I went into Knife Sharpest with just my dull self. I will return, though. Thomas reassured me a sharp blade makes a difference. Good thing I don't have to travel far. It's one of those Allandale conveniences. ❖



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The Library for Today and the Future

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What do a bookstore in Marfa, TX and a library in San Jose, CA have in common?

They're part of the "new library" concept coming to Austin's libraries, starting with the North Village Library which had its Groundbreaking Ceremony on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Its new site is on 1.5 acres at 2505 Steck Avenue, just west of Burnet Road.

The "library for the future," as it's called, has the following attributes:

- lessons from upscale bookstores
- "fresh" collection
- emphasis on computers
- self-service
- emphasis on community

Consultant architects Limbacher & Godfrey bring this concept an Austin step forward with sustainability as a key element, which influenced their choice in:

- daylighting
- building materials
- photovoltaic panels
- rainwater collection
- xeriscape landscaping

Downtown will also be getting its new flagship library with plans for completion in 2012. This much larger 250,000-square-foot facility also boasts an innovative design and funding. It will be located two blocks west of City

Hall, at Second and San Antonio once the decommissioned Green Water Treatment Plant is removed and a new street grid is put in place.

The North Village Branch library continues to be a vital resource as are many of the city's libraries, though its doors opened in the shopping strip mall at 2139 W Anderson Lane 35 years ago. Libraries are "a home away from home" and a wonderful way for children to "sail away" into new worlds.

Technology has helped rather than hindered libraries. Though we may not be touching paper or glue and ink in our virtual world, we can read today's New York Times columnists for free on the Factiva Database News Pages, access the more than 27,000 eBooks, and even search for free through the Ancestry Library & HeritageQuest Online, two genealogy databases.

As always, we can physically go to the library to get the latest books, check out a movie, or drop off and pick up the latest magazines left by patrons like myself.

Free computer classes are offered on a variety of topics each month at the Little Walnut Creek, Ruiz and Faulk Central libraries. Practiquemos Español or Practice English at Talk Time. And the Summer Reading Program resumes June 5. This year's theme is "Sail Way



North Village Library Groundbreaking Ceremony



Architectural rendering of North Village's future entrance

with Books." Take advantage of the library this summer as a place to entertain your children and get out of the hot sun for an hour or two.

Kathleen Kanarski, managing librarian at the North Village Branch, wants to remind everyone that the library is still open while the new one's being built.

For more information, visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/> or your local library.

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Constable's Notebook - May 2007

Constable Bruce Elfant

"This building fires the heart and excites reflection in the minds of all," said Senator Temple Houston, Sam Houston's son, at the dedication of the new Texas State Capitol building on May 16, 1888.

Rising to a height of 311 feet, located high on a hill, the Capitol was at the time considered to be one of the true wonders of the world. Those who conceived the Capitol building never envisioned that views of this magnificent building would ever be obstructed. The City of Austin recognized a need to preserve views of the Capitol and passed an ordinance limiting the height of nearby buildings to 200 feet with exceptions for increased setbacks. In 1963 and 1968 (and not without controversy) developers used the setback exception to construct the Westgate Building and Dobie Mall. After the City's approval of the "wedding cake" tower at 6th St. and Congress, Senator Doggett and Representative Hill passed Capitol view corridor legislation that protected the remaining 30 views of the Capitol building. In 2001 and 2003 the Legislature passed amendments to the capitol view corridor statute exempting the 11th Street revitalization project and Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

In 2003, a study commissioned to assess the effect the view corridor had on downtown development concluded that "some value should be assigned to the lost tax revenue from reduced

square footage of a built-out scenario..." Austin Mayor Will Wynn recently stated in an Austin Chronicle article that "a 1.8 second view of the Capitol off IH 35 has cost the city millions in development." The view corridor study, a downtown building boom and Travis County's recent interest in building a civil courthouse, prompted a review of the value of each of the remaining 26 corridors by the Austin Downtown Commission and new legislation by Representative Mike Krusee. House Bill 3716 would authorize the Texas Historical Commission, General Land Office, or the City of Austin to amend the view corridor legislation under certain circumstances.

The Heritage Society of Austin opposes changes to the Capitol view corridor law. "It is the sole preservation mechanism for ensuring continued views of the capitol for everyone—the State capitol being the most recognized and prized symbol of Austin and the State of Texas," stated Society President Dennis McDaniel. Dealy Herndon, a Heritage Society board member who managed the recent Capitol restoration project, said that the Heritage Society supports the goal of urban revitalization and downtown residences, but "No great American city has revitalized its downtown by sacrificing its most cherished and significant features."

What is the relative worth of great views of our State Capitol versus the value of additional economic develop-

ment if certain corridors were amended or eliminated? There is no mathematical formula that can provide us with the answer. As taxpayers who benefit from economic development and as guardians of our State Capitol, Austinites have a special responsibility to be a part of this decision-making process to make sure that we get it right.

Nearly 120 years after the Goddess of Liberty was first placed atop of the Capitol,

"The people pushing this need to understand that the Capitol views belong to all the people of Texas, not land speculators and developers."

With proper planning, having a larger downtown population need not be at the expense of the Capitol views enjoyed by all Texans.

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Dog Talk: Hay!! and Safety at the Door!!

Cheryl Silver

Hay!!

The rainy season is here and rains bring mud. Purchase a bale of hay at a store like Callahan's. Be sure the hay is "clean", i.e., free of sticker burrs.

Spread a nice thick layer of this hay over the trails your dog may have made in your yard. It is pleasant to look at, will help a great deal with keeping feet dry, and will reduce the mud that gets under the dog's nails.

It smells good, too!

Safety at the Door!!

Exuberant dogs will bolt out an open door pushing their way past you or just capitalizing on a door left partially open by inattentive people. Once dogs learn this is possible, they will typically try again and again. With luck the dogs end up making it home safely, but there are no guarantees.

Baby-gates can help prevent escapes. Look at your unique situation and at the many types of baby-gates that are out there. Sometimes a baby-gate across the front porch does the trick or even at an inside foyer. Over time the dog will come to realize the escape route is no longer there and stop the challenge.

Keeping a container with doggy treats near the door is helpful. When you are about to open the door, toss a "cookie" into the house, away from the door, so the pooch runs the opposite direction. Your dog will come to look forward to the treat more than the escape. Make sure it is a super good treat.

If there is going to be a lot of traffic at the front door, having your dog crate-trained is a plus. S/he can hang out there with a special chewy while folks come and go. These are just a few management tips-all that space will allow. I am always here to help with the nitty-gritty. Don't be shy about asking for assistance. ♦

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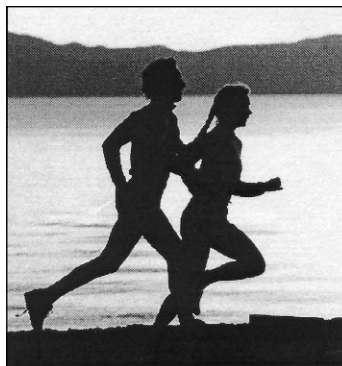
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